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## AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

### EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for a 2 months extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

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